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Applicants: P.A. Graef et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYE111558  
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION

NOT TO ENTER AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed October 21, 2003 (Paper No. 27), applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's decision not to enter the amendment filed in response to the final rejection of the claims.

An amendment in response to the final rejection of claims was filed September 2, 2003. In the amendment, the independent claims, Claims 1 and 75, were amended for the purpose of clarity and as suggested by the Examiner. In these claims, the term "binder" was amended to "binder material."

Applicants believe that the amendments to Claims 1 and 75 place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants' belief is based on the allowance of similarly amended claims in a related application (Application No. 09/624,263) that have been allowed by the Examiner.

In the amendment, Claims 16, 18, and 77, which are dependent claims, were amended for the purpose of clarity. The amendments do not change the substance of these claims.

Contrary to the Examiner's statement for not entering the claims, applicants do not believe that the claim amendments raise any new issues that would require further consideration

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and/or search. If the Examiner refuses to reconsider the decision not to enter the amendment, applicants request that the Examiner explain what new issues are raised by the amendment of the term "binder" to "binder material" that require further consideration and/or search.

Because applicants believe that the amendment filed in response to the final rejection places the application in condition for allowance, and because the amendments to the claims do not raise new issues that require further consideration and/or search, reconsideration of the Examiner's decision not to enter the amendment is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' attorney at 206.695.1755.

Respectfully submitted,

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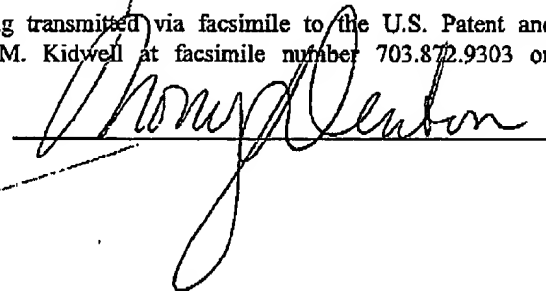


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